

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 471

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A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Joe Gaddis of Oak Ridge High School on being named Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to an outstanding football coach who, through hard work and commitment, has distinguished himself among the storied coaches and legendary high school football programs of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Joe Gaddis of Oak Ridge High School was recently named Coach of the Year for Region 3-5A, an honor that truly reflects the commitment to athletic excellence displayed by Coach Gaddis and the Wildcats; and

WHEREAS, the seventh football coach in Tennessee to attain 300 career wins, Coach Joe Gaddis is one of only two active coaches with at least 300 wins, with more than half of that total coming during his time at Oak Ridge High School, where he is 166-37; and

WHEREAS, Coach Gaddis is currently in his second tenure at Oak Ridge High School, having served as head coach of the football team from 1988 to 1998 and subsequently returning in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the winningest football coach in school history, Coach Gaddis led the Wildcats to the 1991 Class AAA state championship and has compiled a record of 262-113 during his years as a head coach; and

WHEREAS, having recently enjoyed his thirty-fifth season as head coach and his forty-fourth year in the coaching profession, Coach Joe Gaddis counts among the ingredients necessary for his success to have been longevity, great players, great coaches, and great administrative support; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Gaddis's inspired leadership, the Oak Ridge Wildcats have always played as a team, working together like cogs in a machine, as each player sacrificed personal achievement to accomplish team goals; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Joe Gaddis for his outstanding performance as head coach of the 2017 Oak Ridge High School football team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coach Joe Gaddis of Oak Ridge High School on being named Coach of the Year in Region 3-5A, recognize him as an outstanding member of Tennessee's legendary coaching fraternity, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.